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## POWER TOOLS

Power tools can be hazardous when improperly used. There are several types of power tools, based on the power source they use: electric, pneumatic, liquid fuel, hydraulic and powder-actuated. Employees should only use tools when they are trained in the use of all tools – not just power tools. Employees should understand the potential hazards as well as the safety precautions to prevent those hazards from occurring.

The following general precautions should be observed by power tool users:

- Before you start use STAR (Stop, Think, Act, Review).
- Never carry a tool by the cord or hose.
- Never yank the cord or the hose to disconnect it from the receptacle.
- Keep cords and hoses away from heat, oil and sharp edges.
- Disconnect tools when not in use, before servicing and when changing accessories such as blades, bits and cutters.
- Tools should be maintained with care. They should be kept sharp and clean for the best performance. Follow instructions in the user's manual for tool maintenance.
- Proper apparel should be worn. Loose clothing, ties or jewelry can become caught in moving parts.
- All portable electric tools that are damaged shall be removed from use and tagged "Do Not Use."